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153. (New) The host cell of claim 152 wherein the host cell is a mammalian cell.

154. (New) The host cell of claim 152 wherein the host cell is selected from the HEK293 cell line.

155. (New) A DNA molecule encoding modified pro- $\alpha$  chain as defined by claim 108.

156. (New) A vector comprising the DNA of claim 155.

157. (New) The vector of claim 156 wherein the vector is a plasmid, cosmid or phage.

158. (New) The vector of claim 156 wherein the vector comprises a selectable marker.

159. (New) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 156.

160. (New) The host cell of claim 159 wherein the host cell is a mammalian cell.

161. (New) The host cell of claim 159 wherein the host cell is selected from the HEK293 cell line.

162. (New) A DNA molecule encoding modified pro- $\alpha$  chain as defined by claim 115.

163. (New) A vector comprising the DNA of claim 162.

164. (New) The vector of claim 163 wherein the vector is a plasmid, cosmid or phage.

165. (New) The vector of claim 163 wherein the vector comprises a selectable marker.

166. (New) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 163.

167. (New) The host cell of claim 166 wherein the host cell is a mammalian cell.

168. (New) The host cell of claim 166 wherein the host cell is selected from the HEK293 cell line.

169. (New) A DNA molecule encoding modified pro- $\alpha$  chain as defined by claim 128.

170. (New) A vector comprising the DNA of claim 169.

171. (New) The vector of claim 170 wherein the vector is a plasmid, cosmid or phage.

172. (New) The vector of claim 170 wherein the vector comprises a selectable marker.

173. (New) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 170.

174. (New) The host cell of claim 174 wherein the host cell is a mammalian cell.

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